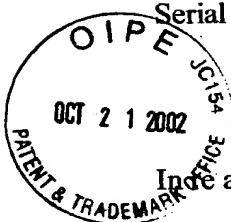


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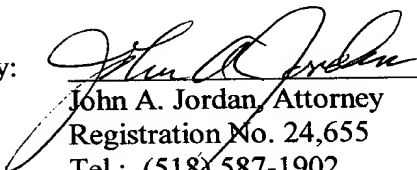
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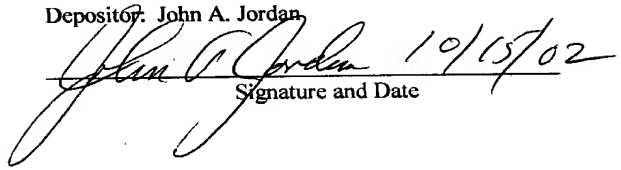
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action of August 14, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 6, delete the paragraph starting with line 9 and ending on page 7, line 7 and replace with: